## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Applicant has modified the specification of the application to indicate that the present application is a continuation application of U.S. Application Ser. No. 09/944,746.

Applicant has canceled claims 1-19 originally filed in U.S. Application Ser. No. 08/742,994 and has added claims 20-41.

In light of the foregoing, Applicant believes that all currently pending claims are presently in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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